

State Abstinence Program funding for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010 through FFY 2014(Ref 1) was authorized by Title V of the Social Security Act. The allocation of federal abstinence education funding to states from the US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) is determined by a formula, based on the state's child poverty rate. The amount of funding allocated to the New Jersey DHSS for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2010 is \$913,938.

In February 2011, the Department of Health and Senior Services, Child and Adolescent Health Program posted a Request for Applications for the implementation and evaluation of medically accurate and effective abstinence-based programs, responsive to the specific needs of the applicants target population and, where appropriate, provide mentoring, counseling and adult supervision to promote abstinence from sexual activity. The DHSS also looked for applicants to complement their program with education on healthy relationships and/or life skills and/or healthy behaviors.

The goal of the New Jersey Abstinence Education Project (NJ AEP) is to provide 10 – 14 year adolescents with the knowledge and skills to abstain from or delay the initiation of sexual activity. At least 50% of these youth are required to live in one of the thirty (30) state-identified, high-risk New Jersey municipalities.

On June 30th, four applicants were approved. They are:

Northern Region:

Institute for Relationship Intelligence, Inc

Target # youth:	3,080
Municipalities:	Newark, Jersey City, Paterson
Curriculum:	Relationship Intelligence

Mount Olives Church of God, Inc

Target # youth:	800
Municipalities:	East Orange City, Newark, Orange City
Curriculum:	Yes You Can

Central Region

Saint Peter's Healthcare System

Target # youth: 2,285
Municipalities: New Brunswick, Perth Amboy, Plainfield
Curricula: Yes You Can Experience True Freedom
Yes You Can Make Smart Choices
Mother/Daughter Program
Father/Son Program
Project Respect Ed

Southern

Lifeguard Inc

Target # youth 3,153
Municipalities: Vineland, Millville, Atlantic City, Pleasantville, Pemberton,
Mount Holly, Wildwood
Curricula: Yes You Can Experience True Freedom
Yes You Can Make Smart Choices
Peer Challenge Program